

HOUSE No. 2217

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ann-Margaret Ferrante

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to penalties for false distress calls.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ann-Margaret Ferrante

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Essex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PENALTIES FOR FALSE DISTRESS CALLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security, in
- 2 consultation with the Attorney General, shall promulgate regulations establishing a penalty schedule for
- 3 false marine distress calls. Said schedule shall include but not be limited to reimbursements from
- 4 individuals making false marine distress calls to responding state agencies.